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THINGS WORTH WHILE

By Eva M. Davis

There is much that comes with the fleeting days
That we cast aside as dross,
And there's many a heart-ache at set of sun,
As we find our gain is loss.
But there's rich reward of priceless worth
That will stand the test of time---
A treasure house filled with jewels rare
That with fadeless lustre shine.
Then let us gather the gold of truth,
The diamonds of industry fair,
And fit 'them into our daily life,
That others their beauty may share.
O, the hearty hand clasp of friendship true,
The word of cheer or the smile,
And the help to the one who needs it most
Are gems that are really worth while.

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THE THING THAT COUNTS

By D. D. Rees

The most of us will have to win our way in the world by hard work, and the sooner we learn to love it the happier our lives will be.

There is no substitute for hard work. Genius is no substitute; for "mediocre talent seconded by industry and will power accomplishes vastly more than genius." In fact, there is no genius but hard work.

Mere goodness is no substitute. One may be good---that is no very great compliment. But what is he good for? That is the test. There are many, many good young people who will not steal, lie, swear, cheat, or debase themselves with bad habits. But merely being good is not enough. Too many are only good for nothing. Be good for something. Sitting around being good will never make you useful. Be good---and work; that is what counts.

Good looks is no substitute. Good looks counts for very little---perhaps nothing---in the make-up of one's usefulness. The faithful use of one's talent---that is the supreme thing. Patient plodding, even with very ordinary talent, is sure of glorious success. You cannot merely look at a young person and tell what latent powers there are within him. The old southern colored preacher was right when he said, "Brudders and sisters, don't you know dat you can't tell how many hams dey is in de smoke house by feelin' ob de roof." All young people ought to know that anyone, regardless of looks, wealth, or noble birth, can, with only ordinary talent, become a great power for good if he consecrates his ability, and does not spare himself in doing whatever his hands find to do.

No, there is no way out but to work out. The day has twenty-four hours, and he who uses all of them to the best advantage is the one who wins out in the end. There is no room in the world for the loafer. The young man or woman who has learned the value of time, and lets none go to waste, is sure to be heard from later,---and the "later" will not be very far in the future. Thirty minutes wasted each day means eighteen ten-hour days in the year thrown away. During a school course of four years this would mean seventy-two blank days. Think of what could be accomplished in seventy-two days! But suppose an hour is wasted: then 144 days are blank in a course of four years. But here are boys and here are girls (they are not hard to find) who let two hours a day get away from them. Blank days, 288. These 288 days make a big difference in the usefulness of one's life. Two young men of equal endowment may graduate in the same class. One is prepared for life's duties, and enters at once a career of usefulness. The other wears as good clothes at commencement as does his classmate, and receives a like diploma; but he soon finds his level among the masses and is soon lost sight of. What makes the difference?---Those 288 days. There is a world of power in those 288 days. Do not let them get away from you. If lost, they spell ruin; if used, success. Set a guard over them. They are worth more than precious stones.

If it is success in life you are looking for, do not forget this: there is no genius but hard work. Practice controlled by law makes perfect---lots of practice; lots of law.

GOD'S SUNSHINE

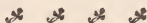
By Miss Regenia Kearn, '16

When darkness falls at evening
And clouds do hover deep
'Tis time to stop our grieving
Just trusting Him in sleep.

Who knows but on the morrow
God's sun is shining bright;
Then do not live in sorrow
But trusting do the right.

When storms around us hover
Thy sunlight us enfold;
All angry passions cover,
Our fainting heart uphold.

O, Thou who died to save us,
Whose holy love outranks
All earthly ties so precious,
To Thee we give our thanks.



IN TOUCH WITH THE OLD STAFF

IT seems fitting that we pause a moment to pay a tribute to those who cradled The Forestonian in its infancy. We shall always render grateful and loyal thanks to them for the faithful work so cheerfully done that we might have a firm foundation for the structure of our paper which, growing stronger, unites the interests of students and adds one more item to our common store.

While the mere knowledge of a service well done is in itself great compensation, still the feeling that that service is appreciated gives one a true pleasure which is not easily afforded by other means, great or small; in the hope of gladdening those to whom we owe so much we pen this appreciation. To a roll call of the old staff we have the following response:

Claude W. Degering, '13---Editor-in-Chief

PIONEER DAYS OF THE FORESTONIAN

Of the many pleasant incidents that have marked my school days thus far, the one that appeals most strongly to me is the year spent at Forest Home as a member of The Forestonian staff.

Well do I remember the gathering of instructors and students in East Hall soon after the opening of school in the fall of 1912, when the advisability of publishing a school paper was first considered. After a short and favorable discussion the staff was chosen.

Busy days followed. The staff found that the paper would not make itself, but that if it were to exist they must make it. Problems were to be solved and discouragements and disappointments to be met, but backed by a loyal student body the paper became a reality. Days of hard work, both physical and mental, were spent on it, however one can but feel the efforts and time well spent as he sees The Forestonian as it now appears---a live, clean little paper---a monument of student loyalty and energy.

Arthur E. Hollenbeck '13---News Editor

LIFE

Life is grand and beautiful, and if appreciated, it is full of joy and happiness. All nature rejoices and the song birds sing a song of praise to cheer the heart of man. Even the rain drops are beautiful to the one who truly lives. Existence is blind and casts a gloom upon the world, but Life sees the beautiful and casts the gloom aside.

Ed. F. Degering---Circulation Manager

CONTENTMENT

No doubt all have spent many a long dreary night with the unwelcomed and unfortunate visitor Dissatisfaction, while their dearest friend, Contentment, anxious to greet and comfort them, stood without.

It seems strange that a good friend should be treated so, but the cause is no doubt due to unacquaintance.

By acquaintance alone will one learn that Contentment delights in a change of environments when for the best, and is ever on guard for a better and brighter goal for the ambitious.

In brief its policy is: cherish Contentment as your friend only as long as improvement to your condition is impossible.

Lyle C. Wilcox---Business Manager

STABILITY

One reason why so many people make a failure of life is because they have not learned the lesson of stabil-

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FRESHMAN CLASS ROLL

THAT we have a good number of first class students in the ninth grade is verified by the following original notes from its respective members:

An industrious student is bound to succeed, for our brains, like our muscles, develop to the amount that we exercise them.---Josephine Johnson, Seattle.

Idle lives will not bring us into the kingdom of God.
---Mauna Kester, Mt. Vernon.

Ambition is the steam by which Life's engine is run.
---Otis Rasinussen, Seattle.

Thoroughness is a round in the ladder of success.
---Evelyn Young, Clear Lake.

As the heart knows, the mind must believe.---Florence E. Kimble, Mt. Vernon.

Haste is often carelessness, and by it many precious moments, in which we might have accomplished much, are lost.---Albert Lofgren, Hoquiam.

Perseverance is the basis of true education.---Julia Benson, Hoquiam.

To be a Christian and work for Christ is more to us than all the riches in the world.---Valweta Kester, Mt. Vernon.

Education is the first station on the Road of Life.---Wilbur Lofgren, Hoquiam.

For one just assuming the burdon of life's responsibilities, what better constitutes the foundation of success than honesty?---Juanita Fairley, Mt. Vernon.

Some people, when they look at a rosebush see only the thorns.---Albert Adams, Puyallup

Stop growling; life is just what you make it.---H. E. Crane, Mt. Vernon

Honor is what people think of you because of what you do.---Chester Kane, Clear Lake.

Education is indeed a very important factor in life's success; but without determination little can be accomplished.---Eva Kimble, Mt. Vernon.



IN THE SCHOOL OF RESPONSIBILITY

By Miss Ruth La Porte, '14

(Concluded)

In the School of Responsibility you must learn to think independently. You should study to be capable of weighing large situations. The reasoning will have to undergo a boardening out so that you can grasp and master the difficult problems of life by disciplining them. It is well to cultivate a keen and quick preception of the minutest details for then with one knowing glance you can see what thousands would fail to see and because they are not quick to see and do the little things cannot rightly be depended on.

Each Christian has a sacred and delicate responsibility which involves the winning of souls to Christ. God has intrusted you with human lives and you are accountable for the influence which you exert in drawing men to Christ or allowing them to go step by step away. You have it within your power to tell someone of Jesus and aid him in receiving a crown glory.

There is one school which all must attend if they would acquire any prominence whatever. To this school all can go; but all will not receive the same lessons or take similar examinations. Grading depends on your ability to handle the subject which is given to you. There is no graduation from this school for this is the School of Responsibility.



TRUE ENJOYMENT

By Miss Katie Bell

Anything true is that which is not false---that which is genuine. Enjoyment is that which gives a feeling of pleasure. Thus we have that true enjoyment is that which gives a feeling of genuine pleasure.

Any enjoyment which is not true enjoyment is a counterfeit. The reason so many people are so easily deceived by these counterfeits is because their ideas of what constitutes real enjoyment are false.

The enemy of all true happiness is ever seeking to lead us away from its basis which is unselfishness. To accomplish his purpose he has invented many devices which lead one farther and farther away from the source of real enjoyment while yet he is pursuing after pleasure.

Many take pleasure in laying up riches for themselves. But this is not true enjoyment because a thread of selfishness runs thru all their riches getting. A feeling of uneasiness and dissatisfaction attend all laying up of riches. And too, riches often take wings and flee, and the pleasure of having had riches is not lasting.

In the mad rush of life there are many allurements which for the moment seem to give enjoyment. These fancied pleasures take the mind from the busy cares and trials of life, but it is for only a moment. The one who takes part in such pleasures feels an emptiness in his life. After a few moments reflection he sees that his time has been wasted; he has gained nothing for himself, and has done nothing to make anyone else happier. Seeking pleasure for one's self alone does not give pleasure.

A desire to be of service to others, to bring to them joy and happiness, and this desire carried out will bring to one a feeling of pleasure which will not pass away in a few moments after the act of kindness has been performed. The words of our Saviour, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," are proven, by experience, to be true by those who are seeking real enjoyment. What can give more pleasure, or joy, than the consciousness of the fact that you have brightened the way of some unfortunate brother, or lightened the load he carries by a kind word, a smile, a gift, or a deed? The enjoyment which is the result of trying to bring joy to others is one that continues to stay after the passing moment is gone. Ever after, as he reflects on the past it will be a bright spot in his memory.

"To live for self is to perish. Covetousness, the desire of benefit for self's sake cuts the soul off from life. It is the spirit of Satan to get, to draw to self. It is the spirit of Christ to give, to sacrifice self for the good of others." The pleasure which comes from sacrificing one's self for others is real enjoyment.

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We often hear different conjectures on what part of the day is best for the student to study. Individuals think that they are different; some preferring the early morning because their minds are more active and it is easier to learn a lesson. But perhaps they never stopped to think that the mind is as equally active when it comes to forgetting the lesson. Others choose the evening because, tho the mind does not so readily grasp a lesson, they remember it. The latter are more scientific in their choice than the former. If a lesson is learned when the mind is sluggish, then the student being allowed to sleep until almost time for his recitations, will find that ideas that were hazy the night before appear clear cut. The mind is clear and active to grasp the thots that the teacher might add to the lesson, and these associated with what he already has gained, can be easily remembered. L. G. S.

Occasionally it is well to take a retrospect of our surroundings---to get our bearings as it were. The sun has passed the zenith of this school year and started on its downward way. Can we not see the messengers of night begin to creep into the glen? Can we not know

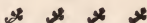
that soon evening will come and another school year be finished? Then the present will be sealed as past and its every deed beyond reconsideration.

"Here hath been dawning
Another blue day.
Think, wilt thou let it
Slip useless away."

M. L. Y.

There is much of art in the ability always to be sincere. Observing individuals about us, we may often notice the person who is repeatedly saying things "in a joke" and thereby gaining much of pleasure to himself: not so to the listener, for sooner or later having so numerous heard these jokes he fails to discern between the joke and the "honest square," and knows not when to make allowances for the fun of the speaker. On the other hand we have the person who, when he jokes, uses words or phrases in which is a ring of truth. His jokes revert the mind to incidents familiar to the listener and everyone knows when he has said something that it is needless to ask if he meant it.

M. L. Y.



IN TOUCH WITH THE OLD STAFF

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ity. They try one business or profession, and not making an immediate success of it, they turn to something else. Thus they become infirm in resolution and purpose. While they may have more natural ability than some others they lack that force of character and purpose that makes success. The one who wins is the one who can not be turned aside from his purpose by every little opposition he may meet---he has learned the value of stability.

Academy Brevities

Miss Ruth La Porte is spending a few days at her home in Seattle.

Miss Nellie Anderson, of the Bellingham Normal High School, visited Miss Evelyn Young, of the Academy, March 27 and 28.

Miss Marguerite Headland favored the Literary Society, April 4, with an exceptionally good recitation. Miss Marguerite is one of our junior members.

Professor O. A. Kerns, the County Superintendent, spoke to the students of the Academy at chapel April 9. His theme was "The Proper Training of the Mind."

Elders Lewis Johnson, J. M. Willoughby, and J. F. Piper spent April 2 at the Academy. Elder Johnson remained over until the next day and spoke to the students at chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cowgill, the Academy's nearest neighbors, have just returned from a short visit to Aurora Nebraska. They report conditions very prosperous in that section.

Mr. Lyle C. Wilcox, who has been home on account of his father's illness, has just returned to the Academy. He will again take up his position as Editor-in-Chief of The Forestonian. The staff gladly welcome the return of their chief.

Mr. Arthur Nelson is visiting acquaintances at his old home at Stanwood, Washington.

Miss May Bell, of Auburn, Washington, was with us March 28. She spoke to the Sabbath-school in the morning, and in the afternoon to the Y. M. V. S.

Miss Mary Carlen celebrated in the recent past, to the delight of all the dormitory girls, her sixteenth birthday---she had received several parcel post packages, and from all reports the contents were eatable.

A farewell entertainment was given for Mr. Moses Rollins and family on the evening of March 28. Mr. Rollins is an old settler in the community, but he has sold his farm and will move to Bellingham, where he will make his home.

Mr. S. N. Rittenhouse and Mr. Victor Armstrong spent Sabbath and Sunday, March 28 and 29, at the Academy. Mr. Armstrong is the new field agent of the Western Washington Conference. He succeeds Mr. Rittenhouse, who is taking up the ministerial work.

On Thursday evening, March 19, at 10:30 another fire occurred in the village. The barn at the home of W. C. Boomer, belonging to Mr. Fred Slosson, caught fire from some unknown cause, and burned to the ground. There was nothing in the barn, except Mrs. Boomer's horse, which was gotten out. Forest Home should have a fire department.

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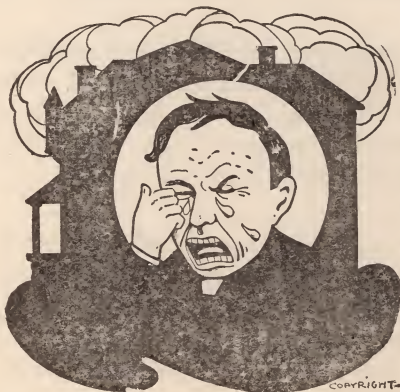
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